

## **Election Department**

## Tuesday, August 24, 2021

## 2021 Polling Location Changes

- 1. Ward 1, Precinct 14, which is currently located at Orient Heights Housing Community Building, 38 Vallar Road, East Boston, MA 02128 moved to Overlook Terrace located at 40 Vallar Road, East Boston, MA 02128, Vote in the Community Room. The reason for this change is that the Orient Heights Housing Complex, which is a BHA Property, is going through major renovations. The new location at Outlook Terrace is located right next door.
- 2. Ward 4, Precincts 5 and 8 which are currently located at Northeastern University, Matthew's Arena, 238 St. Botolph Street, Boston, MA moved back to Symphony Plaza East (Ward 4, Precinct 5) 334 Massachusetts Avenue and West (Ward 4, Precinct 8) 333 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, MA 02115. The reason for this move is the Management Company of Symphony Plaza East and West has invited us back after opting out as a host location last year due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.
- 3. Ward 9 Precinct 5, which is currently located at the Shelburne Center, 2730 Washington Street, moved back to the Marcus Garvey Gardens, 44 John Eliot Square. Vote in the Community Room, Voter Entrance Rear Parking Lot. The reason for this move is the Management Company of Marcus Garvey Gardens, which also manages Catherine Clark Apartments, has invited us back after opting out as a host location last year due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.
- **4. Ward 13, Precincts 7 and 8**, which is currently located at Saint Pope John Paul II Catholic Academy-Columbia Campus (Formerly known as St. Margaret's School) Dorchester, MA 02125 back to Catherine Clark Apartments, 915 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester, MA 02125, Vote in the Community Room. The reason for this move is the Management Company of Catherine Clark Apartments has invited us back after opting out as a host location last year due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.
- **5. Ward 16, Precinct 2** which is currently located at the National Guard Armory at 70 Victory Road, Dorchester, MA moved into the Richard J. Murphy School which is already a Polling Location (Ward 16, Precinct 5) located at 1 Worrell Street, Dorchester, MA. This newly formed double precinct will need the use of the school's cafeteria to accommodate the additional booths and tables. The reason for this move is the new mandatory restrictions related to COVID-19 prohibited the Military Division from allowing us to use their space.
- 6. Ward 16, Precinct 8 which is currently located at The Parish of All Saints at 209 Ashmont Street and Ward 16, Precinct 9 which is located at Thomas J. Kenny Elementary School at 19 Oakton Avenue to Adams Street Branch Library at 690 Adams Street, Dorchester, MA. This newly formed double precinct will need the use of the Library's Community Room. The reason for these moves is that the Adams Street Library just reopened and the space is more centrally located and accessible to all.

## For The Record

The Polling Location which is still currently located at Northeastern University, Matthew's Arena, 238 St. Botolph Street, Boston, MA (Ward 4, Precincts 6 and 7) is moving from their arena floor up to their concourse area. The reason for this move is a result of not needing the additional space for the Symphony Plaza East and West, Ward 4, Precincts 5 and 8.

The Polling Location at Simmons University is being moved from the LeFavour Hall and Beatley Library, 2 Avenue Louis Pasteur, Vote in Kotzen Meeting Center and Terrace Rooms L-001 & L-002 to their Park Science Building, Vote in Lobby. The reason for this move is because the Kotzen Meeting Center is going through an expansion and their Library is not available. The Park Science Building is right next door and we have made this change before without notifying the voters in that precinct.

The Polling Location at the State House, Ward 5, Precinct 3, located at 24 Beacon Street is going to remain in Hearing Room B1 in the Basement after being relocated from the Great Hall on the Second Floor. The Voter Entrance will be the same on Bowdoin Street through Ashburton Park.

The Polling Location at the Shelburne Center, Ward 11, Precinct 2, is being moved from their Gymnasium back to their Community Room as a result of not needing the additional space for the Marcus Garvey Gardens, Ward 9, Precinct 5.

We certify that the aforementioned changes are necessary to better serve the public convenience and public health of voters, and do not have a disparate adverse impact on access to the polls on the basis of race, national origin, disability, or income.